

## BONDS WERE PAID

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A RAILROAD NEVER BUILT.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Feb. 3.—Warrensburg township paid the last bond of a \$100,000 indebtedness, which has been hanging over the township for forty-four years. The day's payment finished the last of what is known locally as the Blackwater and Marshall railroad bonds.

Just after the Civil War the citizens of Warrensburg conceived the idea that the town must have a northern outlet. The Chicago and Alton railroad had been projected as far west as Marshall, Mo., and the plan was to build a spur north to the projected road. Marshall, Sweet Springs and other towns agreed to help build the road. Warrensburg township called an election and voted bonds to the amount of \$100,000.

The bonds were placed on the market and sold at a big discount. Work was begun on the road. For a year the work continued, but the villages and towns failed to respond with their bond issues and finally work was stopped, never to be resumed.

The failure of the project caused the people of Warrensburg to try to nullify the bond issue, but the federal court declared the bonds valid.

Most of the bonds were owned by Gen. John B. Henderson and the citizens compromised with Henderson by taking up the first bonds, which bore 10 per cent, and releasing \$50,000 worth of bonds, drawing 5 per cent. That was forty years ago. The township each year has set aside a small sum beside the interest and Saturday the debt was wiped out.

Not a dollar in bonds has been voted in Warrensburg township or Johnson county from that day to this.

### A Remarkable Case.

The Missouri medical profession has just been startled by a remarkable surgical operation at Excelsior Springs—one which, it is said, has but a single parallel in the annals of surgical science. A woman was operated on by Dr. Ernest Lowrey of that place. In the presence of three other local surgeons, he removed the body of an infant that had been dead five years. It weighed about six pounds and was in a good state of preservation.

The case is made even more remarkable by the fact that the woman in four months ago became a mother. The child born then is fully developed, healthy and is alive today. To find a parallel case, one must go back to the celebrated Sena case of 1691. A woman 74 years old, native of Italy, died, and an autopsy disclosed the skeleton of an infant. The skeleton had been there forty-eight years. She was the mother of eleven children, all born after she was 26 years old. Until now the Sena case has been unique in the medical world.

### MISSING SINCE 1865, SOUGHT

DUQUOIN, Ill., Feb. 5.—An effort was started here to-day by relatives to find Moses Brannum, a Civil War veteran, who disappeared from his family at Cairo in the fall of 1865, after he was discharged from the army.

Before the war, Brannum owned a farm of 120 acres at Holly Springs, Ark. He was drafted into the Confederate Army, but deserted and joined the Union forces. In 1865 he took his family to Cairo, making the journey overland with an ox team.

He disappeared a few days later, John Brannum of this city, a son, held the deed to the property and Holly Springs for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bates returned Sunday night from an extended visit to their daughter, Mrs. Bernard Arnold at Hereford, Texas. They had a delightful visit and enjoyed the pleasant weather that prevailed during the seven weeks they were there. Mrs. Bates says they were gathering pansies and violets from the yards and gardens, when she left; notwithstanding they had a touch of the recent blizzard.

W. H. Sprigg of the county southeast of Marshall went to Kansas City Tuesday to buy cattle. He spent the night in town and went up on an early train.

A duel between two Roman deputies ended in kisses. Expressions of esteem for each other's marksmanship?

Where there is a will there is generally a way to break it.

It is announced there is no peanut trust. Thanks be.

### SHILOH.

Rev. Smith preached at Shiloh church Sunday and announced that Rev. Barbee of Marshall would preach at Shiloh Sunday, February 22. Everybody invited.

Miss Mabel Scott teacher at the Neff school will entertain her school with a valentine party Friday afternoon, after the studies of that day are over.

Mrs. Frank Vesser and daughter, Miss Lizzie Vesser, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Neff spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Neff.

Mr. Rufus Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lewis.

Mr. Marcus Vesser and his cousin, Truman Vesser of Marshall, are spending the winter in Cooner's Valley, Idaho.

Mr. J. K. Lewis and daughter, Miss Ida, spent Thursday at his son's home, Mr. Chas. Lewis.

Lee Bule has resumed his studies at school, after an absence of a week on account of having the lagrippe.

Mr. John Adams and Misses Benjie Adams and Ruby Arnd of Shiloh and Miss Ada Rawlings of Salt Fork and Miss Stella Rawlings of Mt. Olive spent Tuesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bule and family.

Mr. R. G. Robinson has received an order for some of his honey from a St. Louis firm. It will be remembered by his Marshall friends, he took most of the prizes at the state fair last fall for the best display in that line.

Miss Alice Durrett was calling on her aunt, Mrs. R. G. Robinson Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore were visitors at the county seat Monday last.

Prof. Berlin of Nelson purchased from R. G. Robinson some of his fine White Wyandotte chickens, last week.

Master Curtis Kentz is on the sick list this week with the lagrippe.

### SALT BRANCH.

Mr. Luther Smith, who attends the high school, was week end guest of his brothers, Jeffries and Walton.

Mr. Crick was in Napton Monday on business.

Mr. Will Ehart and Mr. George Watson called on A. O. Rains Sunday. Mr. Rains lives on Mr. Ehart's place near Shiloh church. Mr. Ehart recently completed a new house on the place.

Mr. W. A. Smith and Mr. Rollins went to Arkansas last week to look at the country.

Mr. Crick butchered a hog Monday that weighed about 200 pounds.

Mr. Holmes was out on his farm last week.

Mr. Harry Hickman of Norton neighbor of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wright. He was accompanied home by his sister, Flora, and cousin, Miss Stella Scott, who will make a visit with relatives and friends before returning home.

Mr. Jake Crick spent Saturday night and Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Epp.

Mr. G. W. Wright has been on the sick list all last week. Dr. Lawless was called to see him on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Clash has his saw mill in Mr. Crick's timber—will commence to saw as soon as the weather will permit.

Mr. Wallace Williams commenced to plow, but since the ground has seen his shadow he concluded he would lay off until better weather.

Mr. Anzemon Eddy and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes and family.

### JESTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lewis and sons, Mr. R. W. Eddy and daughter, Miss Edith, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sadeville.

Mr. Obed Noble was visiting her son, John Noble and family last week.

There was a surprise wedding in the vicinity last week. When Miss Mary Burke was married to Mr. John Clawson of Slater, Mo.

Mr. David Adams and Mr. John Gilmore were hawking hay to Marshall last week.

Mrs. M. P. Bell and children were calling on Mrs. J. K. Lewis Thursday afternoon.

We understand that Mrs. Mary Brown and one of her little boys are very sick.

Edgar Barnhill has sold his interest in the Leyhe-Downing & Co. clothing house to H. H. Downing. Mr. Barnhill, we understand, has not decided yet definitely with reference to his business relations in the future. It is hoped by his friends that his decision will be to remain in Marshall.

Miss Janie Craig of Arrow Rock, a pupil of the high school went home Friday to spend her week end vacation. Harry Hudson came for her.

## STORE DESTROYED

A FIRE AT SWEET SPRINGS SATURDAY NIGHT NEW POST-OFFICE DAMAGED.

SWEET SPRINGS, Mo., Feb. 10.—The little city of Saffine county has suffered another disastrous fire; on Saturday night about 2:30, an alarm of fire startled the town.

It started in McEntire's Jewelry Store on Lexington Avenue, which was entirely destroyed, only parts of the brick walls left. The new postoffice building adjoining McEntire's was somewhat damaged; the rear wall and part of the roof being burned.

### GRAND PASS.

S. McR. Callaway was transacting business in Marshall Wednesday.

Protsman Read of Blackburn was the guest of his uncle, Al Webb a few days this week.

Frank Gilmer left last week for an indefinite stay in Pueblo, Colorado. J. T. Plattner was in Marshall Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden left Thursday for their home in Montana after an extended visit with the latter's sister, Mrs. H. H. Jones. Mrs. Jones accompanied them as far as Odessa, where she will be for a few days visiting relatives.

Will Upham had a load of Logs on the Kansas City market Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Moore returned Thursday to her home in Hixinsville after a short visit with her mother, Mrs. John Jones.

Charlie Masterson attended the dance in Waverly Friday evening.

Mrs. F. H. Smith and little son of Miami visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith a few days this week.

Miss Mable Pangborn, who attends school in Marshall spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pangborn.

Mrs. M. J. Edwards one of the teachers of the Christian Sunday school entertained her class Friday evening. Various games were indulged in and light refreshments were served. Mrs. Edwards is a model hostess and it is needless to say that her guests had a delightful time.

James DeMoss spent Saturday and Sunday in Marshall with his sister, Mrs. John Vogel.

Mrs. Eugene Yates of Canyon City, Texas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Coad and family.

Herbert Taylor, who attends school in Marshall spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Taylor.

The W. C. T. U. had an oyster supper Thursday evening in the Odd Fellows' hall. The ladies wish to thank their friends for their patronage.

Mr. N. Storms of Independence is the guest of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burk spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Oranle Waterman.

There will be a lecture Friday evening February 13 in the Christian church on missions, illustrated by stereopticon views. Admission free. Everyone cordially invited.

Miss Martha Mounts who attends Missouri Valley college was the guest over Sunday of Miss Janie DeMoss.

A wedding of unusual interest took place Wednesday, February 4, when Mr. John Gorman and Miss Grace Edwards were married. Rev. Leathern of Malta Bend officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Lina Edwards and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gorman and they have many friends who wish them much joy and happiness. They left Wednesday afternoon, for a short wedding journey, after which they will go to house keeping on a farm about four miles north of town.

D. T. Moreland has returned from a business trip to St. Louis and Chicago.

Mrs. Thile Ullant has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Fayette and Jefferson City.

### HARDEMAN.

J. R. Marshall and wife, Nora Eastham and Edith Lucas were guest last Saturday and Sunday with Will Eastham and family.

Niemeler brothers and Julius Reith will have their sale February, Friday, 27, of horses, cattle, hogs and farm implements.

Earl Hasemeier and Barbara Solomon were calling on May Goodloe Tuesday evening.

Elsie Sollmon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lissa Hasemeier.

Chas. Niemeler returned to his home in Marshall Friday, after a week stay at his farm.

Mrs. Ray Lasley returned to her home in Jefferson City after a few months visit with her parents, A. Grider.

Charley Sandage of Mt. Olive visited with his grandparents, Mr. and

Mrs. Abb Ballard, last week.

Earnest Odell and family visited in Blackburn with John Dierking and family the latter part of the week.

Arch Goodloe spent Sunday with his brother, Dave, near Napton.

August Niemeler and wife were calling on Mottis Schleszer and family Sunday afternoon.

Lewis Schyler was a passenger to Booneville Wednesday.

Mrs. E. Winkler visited with her son, Clemence and family, the latter part of the week.

Julius Reith and wife and George Niemeler were guests Sunday of Henry Niemeler and wife.

Edgar McKinney, Ethel and Kathryn Ellis were visiting with Earnest Odell and family Sunday.

Joe Hillen and family were trading in Arrow Rock Friday.

Toney Gibson of Marshall spent Monday night with Glen Townsend and family.

Mrs. Allen Jose is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Woodsmall of near Marshall.

Several people of this vicinity attended the sale of W. H. Holden Monday.

Mrs. Mottis Schleszer visited with her sister, Mrs. Will Senter Monday.

### NELSON.

That Capid is delighted with his camping ground and finds plenty of work to keep him busy, was proven beyond doubt last week. On Sunday morning Mr. Charley Murphy and Miss Willie May Ault accompanied the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Shannon home and were supposed to take dinner and spend the day; but as the young couple had been intending for some time to get married at their first opportunity, they just decided to put in the day to the very best advantage.

So in the afternoon they drove over to the home of Elder C. Q. Shouse and were married. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon and F. B. Ault, a brother of the bride, accompanied them. Immediately after the ceremony they returned to town and will be at home with the groom's parents until they can get possession of a house here in town.

The groom is the proprietor of one of our meat markets and is a young man of good business qualifications. The bride is one of our most accomplished young ladies and the happy young couple have the very best wishes and heartiest congratulations of a host of good friends.

Mrs. Felix Baker of Kansas City came down the first of the week for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Iva Canada are spending several days in the country with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander of near Napton.

P. M. Sandidge is staying in the drug store for Mr. Canada during his absence.

Miss Lois Marr and guest, Miss Mary Dolson of Longwood, were shopping in town Monday afternoon.

Mr. Lewis Black is building a new barn on his lots just in front of the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Canada are moving into Mrs. Wm. Leffler's residence on Garnett street.

Mr. Tom Ault of Kansas City is visiting his parents, E. T. Ault and wife.

Miss Lena Hagar entered school here last week. She, her father and sister, Miss Mary, have moved into the Orr property on South Garnett street.

Emil Ellingson of Marshall was down the railroad track Sunday afternoon to the Snake Den and returned on the afternoon passenger.

Mrs. L. I. Shuck entertained a number of guests at a card party Friday night.

Madames Geo. Alexander, H. Barnes, J. Wood and August Petry started out to the home of Mrs. Wm. Thompson, to a missionary meeting Friday afternoon, but on the way their driver ran into a ditch and for about an hour the ladies worked in the cold attempting to get riged up so they could proceed. When at last they reached their destination, Mrs. Petry, who suffers so much with rheumatism, had to be rubbed and doctored for some time before getting relief. The ladies returned at a late hour and declared the occasion was one they would all remember for a long time.

J. M. Baker had a sale of cattle, horses, hogs, Polled Hereford cattle and farming implements here Saturday. The ladies of the Christian church served dinner in the Tabler building.

Mr. Joe Crockett and Miss Johnnie Townsend, two of our most promising young people, drove to Blackburn Wednesday afternoon and were married at the home of Rev. Ed. Conway, at five o'clock. Immediately after the ceremony they returned and are at home with the groom's parents, W. T. Crockett and wife. The groom is a carpenter by trade and works with R. B. Finley and his brothers. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Townsend and is one of our most noble and intelligent

young ladies. During their residence here in our midst, both the groom and his bride have won a large number of friends, who wish them happiness and success.

Mrs. Emmett Self returned to her home in Marshall Wednesday after a short visit with her parents, Rev. Vardeman and wife of near here.

Hall Williams of near Ridge Prairie was transacting business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Muril Potter of Kansas City, who are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Potter in Blackburn, came up Thursday evening and spent the night with Mrs. James Cordy.

A number of our town people attended the Perry musical entertainments, which were held at the Verts hall Monday and Tuesday nights of last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Verts on Wednesday night, February the fourth, another son. This is the fifth son that has come into this home without any daughter.

Miss Annie Townsend of Blackwater came up Sunday morning to attend services at the Baptist church. She remained until Monday the guest of Mrs. J. J. Staples.

Messrs Oscar Cross and Norman George of Marshall were down this week having Mrs. George's residence repaired. Mrs. Vic Townsend intended moving into it in the near future.

Miss Arvilla West, a student of Missouri Valley College accompanied Misses Christine Nelson and Eloise Flanders home Saturday morning and visited with them until Monday morning.

Mr. Robert Sutherland of Kansas City has been a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thompson for several days.

### OREARVILLE.

Messrs C. A. Lowery Seth Sayers were trading in Marshall Wednesday.

Mr. Walter Wenzel was calling on Miss Vivien Garrett Wednesday evening.

Messrs Am and Tasso Cott was transacting business in Slater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gregory was in Marshall Friday attending to business matters.

Miss Vivien Garrett was in Marshall Wednesday having some dental work done.

Mr. W. F. Gaines went to Kansas City Tuesday to be with his daughter, Miss Ella, who is quite sick at present.

Mrs. Erma Brown of Marshall is the guest of home folks at present.

Miss Isetta Petterson is quite sick with pneumonia this week.

Mrs. Joe Johnson was the guest of Mrs. C. A. Lowery and daughter, Miss Mae, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sallie Lawler and daughters, Misses Ina and Saddle were dinner guests of Mrs. A. C. Venable Sunday.

Rev. Sallor of Slater filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Lewis Wenzel is real low at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lowery and daughter, Miss Mae, called on L. L. Lowery and wife Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Oliver Scott of Marshall spent a few days the past week with Messrs Walter and Percy Wenzel.

George Harlan spent a few hours with his grandmother, Mrs. Harlan, Sunday.

Mr. Walter Wenzel and Miss Vivien Garrett called on Mr. Thurston Page and Miss Ira Lawler Sunday evening at the Lawler home.

### WOMEN FIGHT FIRE WASTE

Revelle Enlists Aid of Clubs in State in Loss Reduction Campaign.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 10.—In his propaganda against fire waste in Missouri, State Superintendent of Insurance, Charles G. Revelle is seeking to enlist the aid of women. They are responding readily and in the fire-prevention meetings hereafter women's organizations will take a prominent part.

The next meetings will be February 17 at Sedalia and February 18 at Booneville. Women's clubs have been invited to take part.

Mrs. Frank L. Barton of Clayton, St. Louis County, is one of the first women to volunteer to help fight fire waste. She is chairman of the first Prevention Committee of the National Mothers' Congress.

Miss Lucile Long of the county west of Marshall near Malta Bend, returned Saturday from an extended visit to relatives at Clarksville, Tenn., and Hopkinsville, Ky. She says she left the flowers blooming in the gardens and yards at Clarksville and was not prepared for the blizzard awaiting her in Missouri.

Mrs. J. J. Robertson of Mt. Leonard was shopping in Marshall Thursday.

## REBELS GET ARMS GOOD ROADS BILL

FIRST SHIPMENT OF WAR SUPPLIES CROSSES BORDER AT EL PASO

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 4.—An express wagon trundled across the international bridge from El Paso to Juarez today with the first load of munitions of war permitted to cross to the rebels under President Wilson's proclamation lifting the embargo.

The wagon contained only 37,000 rounds of ammunition and seventy rifles, representing the entire stock of a local dealer, but large quantities of fighting weapons have been ordered by the rebel agents and soon are to be shipped south for the rebel attack on Torreon.

Orders to permit the passage of arms to the Mexican belligerents were received by both the United States Army and customs officials.

Agents of Gen. Villa made the rounds of dealers in El Paso to-day to buy up all suitable arms, but they reported the stocks had been depleted.

Notwithstanding this, customs officials received word that more than 500,000 rounds of ammunition in the last month were shipped to El Paso from various points.

The 500,000 rounds of ammunition and numerous rifles and machine guns, which were seized by the United States troops from the Federals when the latter crossed from Ojinaga, will not be affected by the lifting of the embargo, but will be held at Fort Bliss.

Advisers of Gen. Francisco Villa sent over an attorney to thank Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott for President Wilson's action.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 4.—As a result of President Wilson's proclamation lifting the embargo against the exportation of arms and munitions of war into Mexico, headquarters of the Ninth Cavalry withdrew border patrols under their jurisdiction along the international boundary to-day.

The various patrols struck their camps along the border and assembled at a general camp one mile outside of Douglas where it is said they will remain for the present.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 4.—Dealers in war material here to-day began to prepare supplies for shipment to rebels in Northern Mexico as a result of the decision of President Wilson to lift the embargo on shipments of munitions of war into the Southern Republic.

About 100 men were working at warehouses, packing rifles, cartridges and machine guns.

Rebel representatives here said the supplies would be rushed across the border as rapidly as transportation facilities could be obtained. Great quantities of munitions have been here for months under the surveillance of United States Government officials.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 10.—More than half of the applications made to the local Young Women's Christian Association for housemaids have been unfilled, though there are more than 6,000 unemployed girls on its roster, according to the annual report of Mrs. A. Coates, secretary of the employment department.

The report attributes the difficulty in filling applications for housemaids to the preference of the girls for work in offices, stores and factories.

Mrs. Coates said that persons from the segregated vice district had tried to use the employment bureau of the association.

"We have aided in closing 300 immoral resorts," continued the report, and have made several men and women decide on an immediate change of residence."

Mrs. Coates reported that a large number of the girls who come to the association for employment have no special training and are seeking anything "that will keep them going until marriage, for which it may be added, they are wholly inexperienced."

She also said that among those seeking employment through the association are "the pin-money women who keep needy girls out of work by working for very low wages, just to have more money to spend."

Ordeal of Touch.

An indication of the belief that human blood has a vital connection with its divine source is found in the widespread opinion that the blood of a murdered person will bear witness against the murderer by flowing afresh at his touch. Literature teems with incidents of the "ordeal of touch."

Mrs. Mamie Sappington of Nelson is the guest of Mrs. R. M. Reynolds on Capitol Hill for a few days. She says her sons, Brethett and Earl, are winding up their business at Nelson as fast as possible and they will move in the near future to Williamsville. Mrs. Sappington will go with her sons and their wives to their new home.

Mrs. Ella Holloway, of east of Marshall, called at our office Monday to renew her subscription and informed us that her husband was down with the grip.

MISSOURIANS CLASH OVER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT YESTERDAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Angry exchanges between two Missouri Congressmen kept the House in an uproar for an hour this afternoon, during the debate on the \$25,000,000 good roads bill.

Congressman Borland of Kansas City offered amendments restricting the manner in which the money be spent. He objected to giving the cash to townships or county officers, and proposed that expenditures be paid out to the state by order of the Secretary of Agriculture, as the work is done. In support of his amendments, he read an editorial from 'The Independence (Mo.) Examiner, calling the measure in its present form a "p